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16. (Original) A mechanism according to Claim 13 wherein the distance between said first and sixth axes (11,13) is greater than the distance between said first and fourth axes (11,15), the distance between said second and seventh axes (12,14) is less than the distance between said second and fifth axes (12,16) and the distance between said first and sixth axes (11,13) is greater than the distance between said second and seventh axes (12,14).

17. (Original) A mechanism according to Claim 1, wherein the first, second and third transverse link members (6,7,9) are pivotably attached to said support arms by respective film hinges.

18. (Previously presented) A mechanism according to Claim 1, wherein the second and third transverse link members are attached to the body by respective film hinges (8,10).

19. (Previously presented) A mechanism according to Claim 1, wherein the second and third transverse link members are moveable relative to one another.

20. (Original) A mechanism according to Claim 1, wherein the support arms (4,5) are not parallel to one another.

21. (Original) A mechanism according to Claim 1, wherein the first transverse link member (6) is configured as a bell crank.

22. (*PROPOSED AMENDMENT*) A linkage mechanism for a hair removal appliance having a head (1) carrying at least one hair removal member and mounted for rocking about a virtual axis generated by said linkage mechanism, said linkage mechanism being mountable on an appliance body (2) and comprising:

first and second spaced support arms (4,5) for pivotally connecting to the head (1) at first and second pivot axes (11,12);

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a first common link member (6) for pivotably mounting to said body (2) for rotation about a third axis (17) and being pivotably attached to each of said support arms (4,5), at fourth and fifth pivot axes (15,16); and

at least one stabilizing link member (7) for pivotably mounting on the body (2) at a first end thereof and being pivotably attached ~~at a second end thereof to a single~~ only one of said first and second support arms (4,5), at a sixth pivot axis (13) at a second end of said at least one stabilizing link member (7).

23. (*PROPOSED AMENDMENT*) A linkage mechanism according to claim 22, further comprising a second stabilizing link member (9) for pivotably mounting on the body (2) at a first end thereof and being pivotably attached at a second end thereof to ~~said other~~ another of said first and second support arms (4, 5) at a seventh pivot axis (14).

24. (Previously presented) A hair removal apparatus, comprising:

the linkage mechanism according to any one of the preceding claims;
the head (1) carrying the at least one hair removal member supported on said linkage mechanism mounted on said body (2) for rocking about said virtual rocking axis.

25. (Original) A hair removal apparatus according to Claim 24, wherein said at least one hair removal member is a cutter unit for performing shaving.

26. (Original) A hair removal apparatus according to Claim 24, wherein said at least one hair removal member is an epilation head for plucking hair.

27. (Original) A method of mounting a component such as a head (1) carrying at least one hair removal member mounted, for rocking about a virtual axis, the method comprising the steps of:

pivotably attaching a pair of spaced support arms (4,5) to the head (1) at first and second pivot axes (11,12), said first and second pivot axes being spaced apart by a first distance;